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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR GENERATING DECISION TREES

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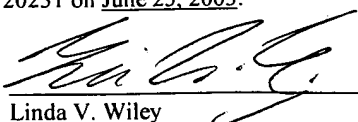
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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☐   Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.

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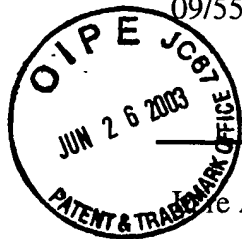
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 25, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9, 11, 26, and 28 without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claims 1, 10, 18, and 27 by way of replacement. For convenience all pending claims are set forth as follows, and a marked-up version of the amended claims is enclosed in the Appendix.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for refining a node of a decision tree associated with a plurality of data characterized by a plurality of features, comprising:

selecting a feature from among the features characterizing the data associated with the node;

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